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Arts

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 70
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/6/2021 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:22

When most people think of the artist Robert Indiana, they think of the iconic "LOVE" sculpture with a tilted "O." While his art endures, a new book also paints a portrait of him as a troubled, isolated artist. Maine Public's Jennifer Rooks has a look for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Series Title: The Oratorio: A Documentary with Martin Scorsese
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/5/2021 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Performance
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Learn the long-forgotten story of the 1826 performance that brought Italian opera to New York City, and meet the colorful personalities involved, including a freed slave, opera's first diva, and Mozart's librettist. Filmmaker Martin Scorsese hosts.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Decoding da Vinci
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/15/2021 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:44

How was Leonardo da Vinci able to think so far "outside the box" that he envisaged developments in engineering, astronomy, and anatomy that were only realized centuries later? The list of da Vinci's "firsts" is astonishing: he asserted that "the sun does not move" more than a generation before Copernicus; he reasoned that fatty deposits in narrowed arteries were caused by an unhealthy diet; he drew the first designs for a parachute, armored car, machine gun, diving suit, helicopter, and a flying machine that anticipates the modern hang glider, not to mention history's first humanoid robot. His inventions and insights have come down to us through his notebooks, each page packed with a profusion of ingenious ideas and breathtaking drawings but revealing little about his personal life or character. As a result, the man behind the Mona Lisa and a host of futuristic inventions remains a shadowy figure. Now, NOVA joins Walter Isaacson, author of the acclaimed recent biography, on a journey to Italy to explore the impact of da Vinci's art on his science and his science on his art.

Culture

Series Title: 34th Hispanic Heritage Awards
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/8/2021 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Celebrate the recipients of the 34th annual Hispanic Heritage Awards. The evening includes performances and appearances by some of the country's most celebrated Hispanic artists and visionaries.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 91
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/4/2021 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:23

The U.S. has passed another tragic pandemic milestone — 750,000 Americans have died from COVID-19. Dr. Sanjay Gupta's new book, "World War C: Lessons from the Covid-19 Pandemic and How to Prepare for the Next One," focuses in part on what America could have done differently to save lives. Gupta joins Judy Woodruff with more.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Decoding the Great Pyramid
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/22/2021 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Stunning new archaeological evidence provides clues about the Egyptians who built the Great Pyramid of Giza -- and how they did it. Join researchers as they delve into the logbook of a work crew and discover how the massive project transformed Egypt.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Arctic Drift
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/13/2021 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format:
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Join scientists as they embark on the most ambitious Arctic research expedition of all time.

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: The Elephant and the Termite
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/3/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Witness the dramas of Africa's great wildlife meeting place -- the waterhole. From mighty elephants to tiny termites, an entire community of creatures call the waterhole their home.

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Santa's Wild Home
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/15/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Get an intimate look into life in Lapland, fabled land of Santa Claus and actual home of tenacious wildlife such as reindeer, wolverines, Brown bears and more.

Family/Marriage

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: To the Manor Born
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/5/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. discovers the privileged lineages that claim actor Glenn Close and director John Waters as descendants, introducing ancestors who are as bold and independent as they are.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Laughing on the Inside
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/2/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. provides comedians Lewis Black and Roy Wood, Jr. with accounts of hardship in their family trees which may have led them to each find humor in adversity.

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Mystery Monkeys of Shangri-La
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/22/2021 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:00:00

This is the true story of a family of Yunnan snub-nosed monkeys living in the highest forests in the world. Only recently discovered, snub-nosed monkeys are hauntingly beautiful primates, gentler than others of their kind. Elfin-like, they seem both childlike and wise beyond their years. The family is led by a formidable fighter and his fighting force who guard a troop of 8-10 families. The survival of this unique monkey society, formed in response to the hardships of the Himalayas, depends on strong defensive strategies and the cooperation and interdependence of them all.

Health/Healthcare

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 88
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/1/2021 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:04:27

In our news wrap Monday, 6% of New York City's workforce went on unpaid leave for failing to get vaccinated. Rebels from Ethiopia's Tigray province appeared to be advancing toward the capital, Addis Ababa, and claimed they seized two key cities along a major highway over the weekend. American Airlines has cancelled nearly 2,300 since Friday, blaming bad weather and a shortage of workers.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 86
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/28/2021 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:09:17

New COVID-19 cases in the U.S. are down nearly 60% and deaths have fallen by nearly a third. Americans are getting boosters, and young children may be able to start getting vaccinated as soon as next week. But the U.S. still lost nearly 1,400 people a day the past week. Judy Woodruff discusses the pandemic with Dr. Rochelle Walensky, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Series Title: FRONTLINE
Episode Title: Opioids, Inc.
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/28/2021 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

The story of a drug company that pushed opioids by bribing doctors and committing insurance fraud. With the Financial Times, an investigation of how Insys Therapeutics profited from a fentanyl-based painkiller 50 times stronger than heroin.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 87
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/29/2021 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:05

Acclaimed film director Ava Duvernay, whose projects include "The 13th," "When They See Us," and "Selma", is behind a new Netflix series called "Colin in Black and White." It is the coming of age story of Colin Kaepernick, years before he became a quarterback in the NFL, and a leader in the fight for racial justice. Amna Nawaz spoke with DuVernay about it for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Home From School: The Children of Carlisle
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/23/2021 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Northern Arapaho tribal members travel from Wyoming to Pennsylvania to retrieve remains of three children who died at Carlisle Indian Industrial School in the 1880s.

Series Title: POV
Episode Title: Unapologetic
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 12/27/2021 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:41

Meet Janaé and Bella, two fierce abolitionists whose upbringing and experiences shape their activism and views on Black liberation. Told through their lens, Unapologetic offers an inside look into the movement and ongoing work that transformed Chicago, from the police murder of Rekia Boyd to the election of mayor Lori Lightfoot.

Science/Technology

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 84
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/26/2021 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:09:03

A Senate committee is widening its investigation into the impact social media platforms have on children, teens and young adults, with more apps facing congressional scrutiny. William Brangham reports with Jean Twenge, a psychology professor and author of "iGen: Why Today's Super-Connected Kids Are Growing Up Less Rebellious, More Tolerant, Less Happy — and Completely Unprepared for Adulthood."

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: The First Circle of Stonehenge
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/3/2021 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

A decade-long archaeological quest reveals that the oldest stones of Stonehenge originally belonged to a much earlier sacred site -- a stone circle built on a rugged, remote hillside in west Wales.

Series Title: Amanpour and Company
Episode Title: Episode 121
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/16/2021 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Timnit Gebru is among the most prominent Black women working in artificial intelligence today. Formerly co-leader of Google's ethical AI team, Gebru says she was fired after speaking out about how AI systems can reinforce social inequalities. Google, however, claims Gebru resigned. Now she is tackling the problem head-on with a new research institute that gives voice to marginalized groups.